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## "Combination of Hand/Aerial Ignition for Hughes Malloy Prescribed Burn"

Hamilton, Montana, May 7 – May 12, 2007— If favorable weather and air quality conditions continue through this week and into the weekend, starting tomorrow fire managers and crews at the West Fork Ranger District will apply prescribed fire to the Hughes Malloy prescribed burn project located in Hughes Creek.

Location -36.2 miles up the West Fork road, about 25 air miles south of Darby. Acreage: 723 acres. Purpose: to reduce fuels adjacent to private property and affect fire behavior of future wildland fires that may occur in the area.

All burns are weather and air quality dependent. Visibility may be impacted for travelers visiting the Hughes Creek area, so please use caution while driving in this area.

If you have questions about this burn, please contact Hamilton Dispatch at (406) 363-7133 or the West Fork Ranger Station (406) 821-3269.

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